

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : HEIDEMANN et al.
Serial No. : 10/597,057
Confirm. No. : 5355
Filed : July 10, 2006
For : BALL AND SOCKET...
Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Michael P. Ferguson
Dated : February 22, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated October 23, 2007 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired January 23, 2008.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),



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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.